Dewan's reply.—The question has formed the subject of correspondence with the Government of India and the Darbar will be glad to do what may be possible in the matter.

Subject No. 3. Game Law.

Mr. Digby T. Brett, who had only recently seen the proposed "Regulation to prevent the indiscriminate destruction of wild animals and birds and to provide for the protection of Game and Fish in the Territories of Mysore," promised to circulate it among the Planters' Associations and stated that early legislation was necessary. He approved of the standing orders under which Government State Forests were, during certain seasons, closed to shooting, and pointed out that the orders were not strictly carried out. European sportsmen who generally go with many followers are found out and stopped. But not so the surrounding villagers who often go about shooting without let or hindrance.

Dewan's reply.—The subject of *enforcing* a close season in State Forests will be referred to the Inspector General of Forests for attention.

Subject No. 4. Railway to the West Coast.

Mr. Digby T. Brett urged that the line proposed by Colonel Lindsay to connect the Mysore system with the West Coast, was preferable to the one which seems to be in favor now. It was to take off a line from Kadur to Chikmagalur, Saklespur and down Ghaut to Mangalore. This would be better than the one from Arsikere to Hassan and onwards and would benefit not merely the coffee trade, but trade in all products. Chikmagalur is fast rising in importance and becoming the centre of all kinds of trade. The Chikmagalur line should therefore have precedence.

Dewan's reply.—We thoroughly appreciate the desire of the Planters for a line through Chikmagalur. It shall receive careful consideration with other alternative projects.

Subject No. 5. Birur-Shimoga Railway.

Mr. B. Garudachar, B. A., B. L., (Advocate, R. M. from Shimoga Taluk) submitted that when application was made for a Bridge across the Bhadra near Tadasa, the Dewan observed that it might become unnecessary when the Birur-Shimoga Railway was made. This Railway should be commenced early. It should not be postponed in favor of other projected lines. The distance is short, being only 38 miles and construction is easy.

Dewan's reply.—We have the project ready and the estimated cost is 32 lakhs. We are waiting for a favorable opportunity to start work. On what terms and by what agency the project should be undertaken are under consideration.

Subject No. 6. Cattle Trespass Act.

Mr. Graham Anderson (Planter R. M. from South Mysore Planters' Association) alluded with satisfaction to the

introduction into Mysore of the new Cattle Trespass Act and desired that the special provisions of the Act for levying higher rates of fine and for holding negligent owners of cattle responsible, may be made applicable to the Coffee Districts.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioners of Hassan and Kadur will be asked to submit proposals in this behalf.

Subject No. 7.

Uniformity of weights and measures.

On this subject, Mr. Graham Anderson (Coffee Planter R. M. from South Mysore Planters' Association) said that the primitive and most irregular methods and contrivances adopted in small shops and bazaars for weighing and measuring commodities are a constant source of loss and annoyance to the poorer classes and manifest the necessity for introduction of a regulation prohibiting the use of local and unverified weights and measures. The so-called Kolaga used for determining the quantity of unhusked grain varies to such an extent that it is extremely rare to find two of the same capacity, and it may be truly styled the most unsatisfactory measure in the country. Representatives from the Districts of Shimoga Kadur, Chitaldroog, Kolar and Hassan also had representations to make to the same effect.

Dewan's reply.—A law applicable to the whole of India is under the consideration of the Government of India and the Darbar have to await the action of that Government. Meanwhile the orders contained in Government Proceedings No. 2812-21—G. F. 178-92, dated 18th August 1892, are all that is practicable. This order directs the Deputy Commissioners to give effect to the late Chief Commissioner's Proceedings No. 5084—G. 832, dated the 18th August 1876, pending the introduction of a regulation on the subject, and to obtain standards of weights and measures in ordinary use from the Bangalore Central Jail and keep them in places where they shall be accessible to all for purposes of test.

Subjects connected with the Gold Mining Industry.

Subject No. 8.

Special legislation for prevention of thefts in the Gold Fields.

Mr. R. Collins (R. M. from the Kolar Gold Mining Board) addressed the Dewan and said that so much has been granted during the past year that the Mining Board had more to thank the Government for benefits received, than to ask for further assistance; there were, however, two subjects which had been submitted for discussion, *viz.*, special legislation for the protection of gold quartz, amalgam and sponge gold or gold in the course of preparation and the repair of the roads. With reference to special legislation the Dewan had stated at the last Assembly that the question of a modified Act would be pressed upon the consideration of the Government of India. Since then the Board had received no information on the subject and still labor under the difficulty of